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SUBJECT: BIODATA ON NOBUO MATSUNAGA, NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL
TREATIES BUREAU, MOFA

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, ON AUG 7 GOJ ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT
OF NOBUO MATSUNAGA AS DIRECTOR GENERAL TREATIES BUREAU, MOFA.
HE HAD BEEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL IN THAT BUREAU SINCE
JANUARY 1973.

2. BORN JANUARY 16, 1922 MATSUNAGA GRADUATED FROM TOKYO
UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY IN 1944. HE THEN SERVED AS IMPERIAL
JAPANESE NAVY LT (JG) UNTIL WAR'S END. ENTERED MOFA IN 1946
AND DETAILED TO CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE (1946-1950), WITH DUTIES
PRIMARILY IN ECONOMIC AREA. IN 1950 HE WAS POSTED TO GOJ OFFICE
IN PARIS WHICH BECAME EMBASSY AFTER 1952 PEACE TREATY. IN
1953 RETURNED TO MOFA WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO TREATIES BUREAU.
FROM 1957 TO 1959, MATSUNAGA SERVED IN JAPANESE EMBASSY IN
MOSCOW AS SECOND SECRETARY. THEN (1959-1961), HE WAS ASSIGNED
TO GOJ INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA.

3. MATSUNAGA RETURNED TO JAPAN FOR DUTIES IN MOFA ASIAN
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AFFAIRS BUREAU, CHINA DIVISION (1961-1963). HE WAS THEN

TRANSFERRED TO MOFA SECRETARIAT WHERE HE WORKED IN VICE MINISTER'S OFFICE WITH CONCURRENT DUTIES IN PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS BUREAU (1963-1964). AFTER BRIEF ASSIGNMENT AS TREATIES DIVISION HEAD IN TREATIES BUREAU, HE WAS DETAILED TO IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY (1964-1966). IN 1966 MATSUNAGA WAS SELECTED AS MEMBER OF JAPANESE DELEGATION TO 21ST UNGA AND THEN ASSIGNED AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY IN PARIS (1967-1970). FROM 1970 TO 1973 HE AS PERSONNEL DIVISION HEAD IN SECRETARIAT AND THEN IN JANUARY 1973 ASSUMED POST AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL IN TREATIES BUREAU.

4. MATSUNAGA AND WIFE, YURIKO, HAVE THEE GROWN SONS (TAKANOBU, AKINORI AND YOSHITAKA).
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